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- Oklahoma City University – Native American Legal Resource Center
- University of Oklahoma School of Social Work – Anne Henry Zarrow
- Office of The Special Trustee For American Indians Call Center – 1-888-678-6836
- Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Abuse Hotline – 1-800-522-3511

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult Protective Services Program is mandated by 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20 Human Services, Subpart D, Services to Children, Elderly, and Families (20.402).

Adult Protective Services are provided by Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Social Services Programs when adults residing on Federal trust lands are victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

When are Protective Services Provided

Protective services are provided when adults:

*are deprived temporarily or permanently of needed supervision or care by another responsible adult.

*are neglected, abused, or exploited.

*are physically or mentally handicapped or otherwise disabled adults who may be abused, neglected, or need other services.

*are under the supervision of the Bureau and the Office of Special Trustee in regards to the use and disbursement of adult's Individual Indian Money (IIM) account.

Program Guidelines

Protective Services Include:

Providing responses to requests from members of the community on behalf of adults alleged to need protective services.

Coordinating with Indian courts to provide services such as the investigation and reporting of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults.

Providing social information related to the disposition of adult guardianship cases in CFR/Tribal Court.

Coordinating with other community services agencies, groups, and facilities in providing services to elderly and otherwise handicapped adults.

In addition, the following services are Provided to adults potentially in need of assistance based on their ability to manage their own financial affairs:

Conduct social service assessments as requested to evaluate account holder's ability to manage their financial affairs.

Managing IIM accounts of supervised IIM account holders.

Developing distribution plans in conjunction with supervised adult account holders/guardians.

Review supervised accounts every six (6) months to determine need for continued supervision and to review receipts to insure

That disbursements from the account were utilized for account holder's benefit.

Physical and Behavioral signs of Abuse:

- Injury that has not been cared for properly.
- Injury not consistent with explanation for its cause.
- Pain when touched.
- Cuts, puncture wounds, burns, bruises, welts.
- Dehydration or malnutrition without illness-related cause.
- Poor skin color, sunken eyes and cheeks.
- Soiled clothing or bedding.
- Lack of necessities such as food, water, adequate shelter.
- Forced isolation.
- Adult is fearful, expresses anger, anxiety, and agitation.
- Depression, withdrawal, isolation.
- Confusion and disorientation.
- Hesitation to speak openly.
- Non-responsiveness, resignation, ambivalence.
- Contradictory statements, implausible stories.